

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Wheatlands**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER (Miles River Road)

Shannahan Rd., 1.3 miles west of Rt. 370 (south)

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Talbot**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Franklin LovingTelephone #: 822-4653

STREET & NUMBER

R.D. 1, Box 159

CITY, TOWN

Easton

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21601**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County CourthouseLiber #: 390Folio #: 423

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE

Maryland 21601**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Wheatlands is located on Miles River Neck overlooking the Miles River. It is a five bay long brick dwelling, two and one-half storys tall with a 1960's one and one-half story brick wing on its east side. Most of the north entrance facade is covered with ivy as is the west gable, however, beneath the ivy on the first story are traces of old whitewashed brick. Apparently Wheatlands incorporated sections of an 18th century dwelling when it was rebuilt around the mid-19th century. Without removing the ivy it would be impossible to determine the original configuration.

When the building was remodeled in the mid 19th century, the old as well as the new brick was covered with stucco and scored to simulate ashlar masonry. This was removed in the 1960's along with the brackets which hung from the eaves and pedimented gables. There are three dormer windows on each side of the 'A' roof which were also added in the 1960's. There are assymetrical chimneys, similar to Doncaster which was built nearly the same time Wheatlands was first remodeled. The river side of the house has a porch across the first story and the same fenestration as the entrance. All of the windows have 6/6 sash and louvered shutters though the first story window are longer than those above. Two small windows with semicircular heads light the attic rooms from the gables.

The interior of the building is divided into a central stair hall with large living room on the west and a dining room and corridor on the east, the dining room facing the river. Some original trim and doors, along with the stair remain from the time the house was remodeled in the mid 19th century. The dining room possesses a fine Victorian marble mantel appropriate to the period of the remodeling, however, it is not original to the house, according to tradition. In the living room is a Federal mantel, also brought in from another house. The interior was greatly remodeled in the 1960's in an attempt to make the house appear earlier than it is.

Adjoining the house is a fine shingle style stable, five bays long with tall hip roof having a projecting second story tower-like extension.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Wheatlands is significant architecturally for being built on part of the earlier house of the Benson family. When it was built to its general form, c. 1860, it was as significant a structure as Doncaster and was a good example of Italianate farmhouse. The 1960 remodeling, however, obliterated most of the Italianate features in an effort to make the building appear earlier than it is.

Important architecturally is the stable which is a fine example of the shingle style. Fortunately it did not suffer the same whole-sale remodeling as the house.

Historically, Wheatlands is an important site because it was the home of the Benson family of Talbot County. Perry Benson 1757-1827 was a captain in the Continental Army and Major-General in the Maryland Militia.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
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STATE	COUNTY
_____	_____

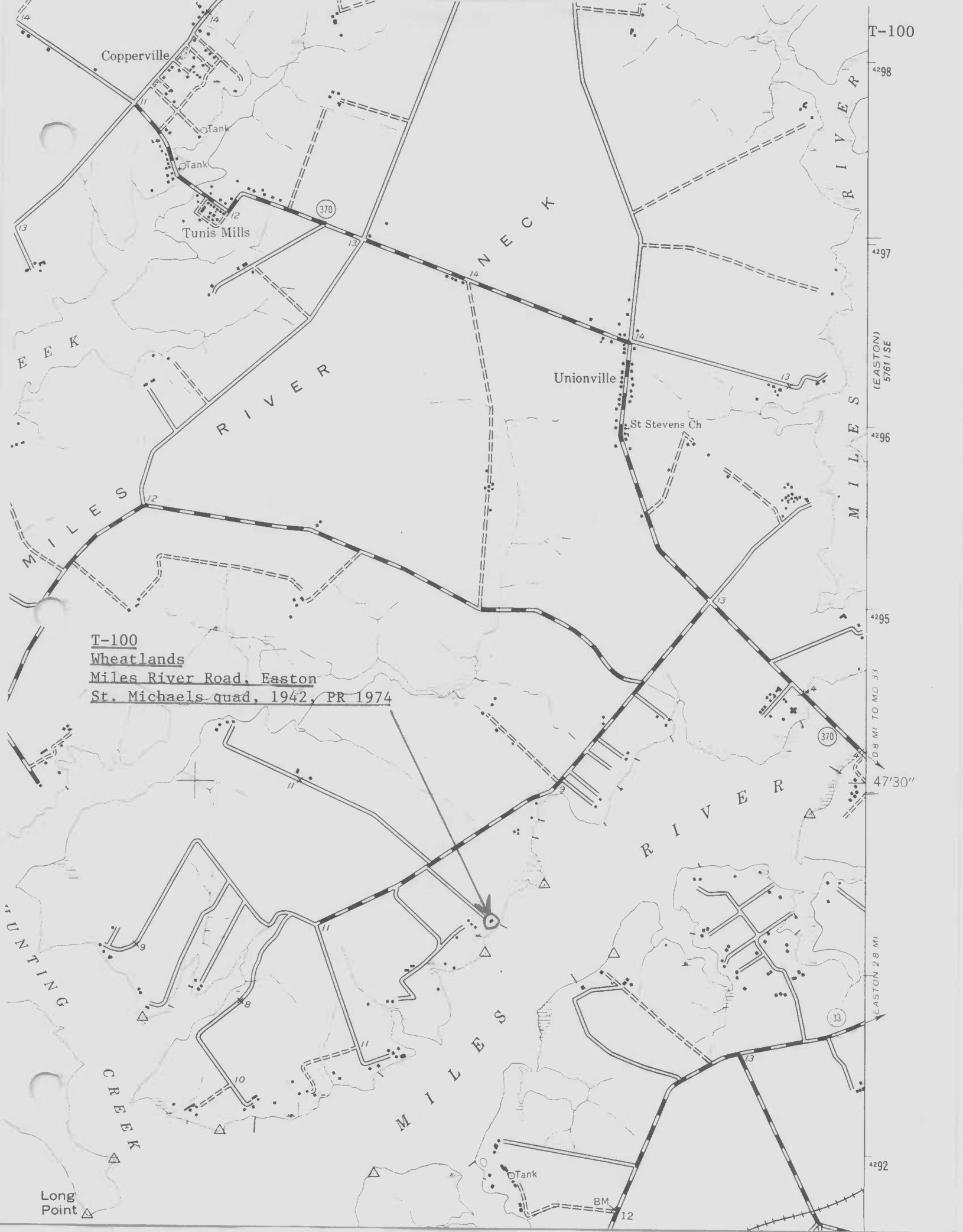
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Annapolis	Maryland 21401

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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EASTON 2.8 MI

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Wheatlands
Miles River Road, Easton
St. Michaels quad, 1942, PR 1974

47'30"

Long
Point



16 x 1.88

50%

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